



STINGER SPORTS

WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL: 1986-87 YEAR IN REVIEW

Women's varsity basketball took a giant step in the right direction during the 1986-87 season. Although the Lady Stingers failed to win a game in conference play they did register six victories in non-conference action which was an achievement in itself considering the fact the club finished up the previous season with a record of no wins and 27 losses.

Five players - Sylvia Cesaratto, C.J. Mariott, Chantal Morency, Sue English and Kim Reeve- have now graduated but head coach Louisa Zerbe points to standout newcomers such as Carol Assalian and Carole McIntyre to put the team into contention next season.

Assalian, selected Quebec University Athletic Association (QUAA) women's basketball rookie of the year, collected a total of 255 points in the Stingers' 23 games. The former All-Canadian guard recruited out of Dawson College was a magician on the court, sinking 67 of 98 free throw attempts and garnering 80 rebounds. She averaged over 35 minutes a game of playing time and joined four other players on the conference first-team all-stars.

After the season Assalian and McIntyre were asked to join the Quebec team at the Canada Winter Games in Cape Breton. They accepted the invitation and were vital cogs in the provincial entry capturing the gold medal.

Another highlight of the 1986-87 campaign for the Stingers was their Brooks Classic Tournament, held last November. A unique format saw the tourney split into two categories: university and CEGEP/junior college. The former grouped McGill, Southern Connecticut State University, Ottawa and Concordia while Vanier College, John Abbott College and the Ottawa Rookies made up the latter contingent.

McGill grabbed the university crown, defeating Southern Connecticut 68-51 in the final. Concordia lost a heart-breaker to Ottawa in the consolation final, a 55-52 decision. John Abbott won both its games to take the round-robin title in its division.

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